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SD46 District Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

ZOOM

October 22, 2020 | Meeting called to order by Chair: Jo Thomson 7:05pm

In Attendance

Jo Thomson	Miyuki Shinkai	Maria Hampvent	Jason Baird	Danika Wulff
Lorena Ruth	Amy Robinson	Udo Rosenberg	Scott Davis	Marilyn Baines
Patrick Bocking	Tracey McClelland	Susan Jackson	Olwen Cowen	

Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes from last meeting September 23, 2020 via Zoom

Move to Motion: Miyuki Shinkai, Udo Rosenberg 2nd

The minutes were accepted as presented

Agenda

Opening comments and approval of Agenda.

Motion to approve agenda: Lorena Ruth, Udo Rosenberg 2nd

Presentation

TBA: November 26, 2020

Treasurers Report

Scott Davis Reports:

Gaming Account Balance: \$2792.62

Savings Account Balance: \$1202.94

This month we have applied for the gaming grant. Within the next two weeks, DPAC is required to email forms on how gaming funds were used last year.

Committee Report

Jo Thomson –

1. Correspondence

- Swimming in pool, Gibsons. Flagged as closed, Sechelt open

Parent letter, voice of concern that the pool may be closed and hope not to continue as.

Jo Thomson volunteers to write letter to SCRD that we are looking forward to it re-opening.

Respecting closure for covid19 but see the importance of it being open for our Gibsons Community.

Scott Davis, comment: Request to include ice arena, that the community of Gibsons missing the community recreation service available.

Marilyn Baines, comment: Does not see compelling reason it is closed. It is certainly needs to be considered to be re-opened as imperative for community especially for youth.

2. BCCPAC Summit.

- This year will be online, Zoom and would like to invite DPAC executive.

Each school in the whole of British Columbia. DPAC gets information from BCCPAC.

- **This year's Executive nominations:**

1. Chair. Miyuki Shinkai nominating: **Jo Thomson** as DPAC Chair Scott Davis 2nd
2. Vice chair. Udo Rosenberg nominating: **Scott Davis** as Vice Chair Lorena Ruth 2nd
3. Secretary. Udo Rosenberg nominating: **Amy Robinson** DPAC Secretary Scott Davis 2nd
4. Treasurer. Miyuki Shinkai nominating: **Tracey McClelland** for Treasurer, Lorena Ruth 2nd
5. Member at large. Miyuki Shinkai nominating: **Lorena Ruth** as member at large, Scott Davis 2nd
6. BCCPAC Communicator. Udo Rosenberg nominating: **Miyuki Shinkai** Scott Davis 2nd

Superintendent and Board Report

Patrick Bocking, Superintendent

Safety, mental health and programing.

Covid19 - health and safety a huge priority

95% students in school option 1 or (option 2). 5% Sunshine Coast students Online

Letter home to parents, temporary transition program wrap-up.

Less than 10% students continuing homeschooling. Separate from BC Curriculum.

Attendance is up and down.

People are sensitive, being careful to not send children to school not feeling well.

Mental Health

-What are these interventions as an impact to our students and staff?

- Visiting schools, it feels like a normal school life, happy active children with positive learning environment.
- Teachers working hard. Many children are wearing masks, very resilient. Feels positive that our schools feel like safe healthy environments.
- There are Covid19 Outbreaks in greater Vancouver. VCH tracks and informs families.
- There is no current Covid cases in our District and we will be transparent if there was.

-Looking at Mental Health aspect of what people could feel if there were cases locally.

Patrick Bocking, Maria Hampvent; reflect on calls with other Districts.

- All PACS now meet by zoom. Inquiries of outlook for lack of PAC fundraising.
- If there is no fundraising, what is our role of parents supporting schools during the Pandemic and how as a District can we support them. What we can learn to do

Less family gatherings will be happening for this school year.

Phone calls, zoom meetings always welcome for communication with parents.

Visiting the schools can be done with planning. Face to face meetings can be arranged.

Parent Teacher interviews can still happen in safe ways. The idea for this year is still emerging.

Which will emphasize on phone conferences on zoom or by phone.

Independent Education Plans

Most done by zoom. Some done in person wearing masks.

Both welcome

Superintendent Report:

-Circle of Care: Students

1. Students continue to demonstrate kindness and remarkable ability to adapt to our new normal
2. Elementary families who have chosen option 2 (Transition phase) to return to class or online by Nov9
3. Strong start Early years opened Sept.29. Registration required. Attendance limit 5 families.
4. Orange Shirt Day Sept.30. Grass roots event that encourages awareness and acknowledgment of the harm that the Residential school system had on generations of Indigenous families.

-Circle of care: staff

1. Oct.5 World Teachers Day was celebrated

2. ProD Sept.28 Shelley Moore working with our teachers to ensure Board's Mission that each child be successful.

-Circle of care: Community

1. SD46 and VCH -Town Hall Sept.24 facebook live, 2.7K views

2. Fire Prevention Week started Oct.4

3. Active Travel Week started Sept.28 SD46 works closely with TraC providing information on alternative transportation

Maria Hampvent, Trustee

Board Report

Links to board meeting:

<https://sd46.bc.ca/district-information/board-of-education-and-governance/board-meeting-schedule/>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/SD46Schools>

- Formed anti-racism adhoc committee to write policy that better addresses equity. 3rd meeting is Nov.18 7pm on youtube.
- Transportation Review being conducted: **Looking for parent feedback**
- Covid spending recommendations. Review decision making/discussion this next month
- Wage freeze for senior executives recommended by ministry
- Boost to custodian wages, outdoor structures

-Committee of the Whole, numbers to be socially distant for meetings. Certain members participating by zoom.

-Parents welcome to zoom in. Questions welcome to Erica; she forwards to Trustees in the meeting.

-Look on the website for Tuesday Meeting 10-4 (3 meetings) Public welcome to committee of the whole, all public meetings, operations and educations, agenda packages under governance tabs, can find info

Scott Davis: Langdale elementary question about crossing highway. Also notes Cedar Grove Elementary cross walk doesn't connect to school. Is the School District working on that?

Patrick Bocking. Response: Yes, to both. We are aware and inquiring of what the possibilities are. Assessments and studies with the Ministry. There is a lot involved to get re-construction for cross walks. There has been discussion for Cedar Grove for a few years. Speeding concerns.

Healthy Schools Committee

Marilyn Baines Report:

Discussion & updates: Healthy schools meeting Oct 6 report next meeting.

1. Kate Kerr reported on 2020-2021 SD46 Mental Health District and Well Being Planning for students, families and staff. Discussion centered particularly on vulnerable learners and family struggles enhanced with Covid19

2. Student Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) – Fair Notice for students and families were discussed. Kate Kerr emphasized this reflects a therapeutic approach which may include discipline and wraparound of services in follow-up. Different processes may be utilized for all involved focussing on positive outcomes.
3. Pathways to Care Document/pamphlet regarding children and youth mental health and substance use services on the Sunshine Coast is available on the SD46 website. Another set of resources from DASH (Dedicated Action for School Health in BC) is available at <https://dashbc.ca/resources/>
4. VCH Public Health focus has been on contact tracing and immunization including flu clinics starting up this week. Some staff have been seconded to contact tracing. (i.e.the Dietician, Meghan Molner whose regular services are not available)
5. Lack of Recreation services for children and youth due to Covid19 reductions were discussed.

Parent Engagement Committee

What can be done to support parents, their anxieties, and what is going on at the moment:

Suggestions:

Parents not presently allowed in school, would they like to see or be more involved in schools?

Via, video, being able to see art and projects.

Different ideas, possibilities; such as a speaker on technology.

Looking at what support is needed.

Suggestions Welcome

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Discussion

- Miyuki Shinkai, VCH requests her to talk to Ministry of Infrastructure. Went back to PAC and wrote letter to Hopes that other schools also bring voice to these issues.

School district approved our letters last week. YMCA camp is also writing one. DPAC letter would also be beneficial. They do eventually respond to pressure. The louder your voice is, will be heard. Keep trying, ongoing effort.

- Susan Jackson, concerns of local trail to Chatelech now signed as private property. Letter to Chatelech PAC or advise to Sechelt Planners to see if it is road allowance.

Udo Rosenburg Question to Patrick Bocking:

Noting increased interest in Alternate school. How can we ensure the current students be continued their teacher student ratio? While at the same time the new student count to be supported?

Patrick Response: Funding to follow student enrollment. There is no intention to change staff, student ratio. Online will be morphed according to need and numbers. We can't change staff during the year. They have a contract where they are. We are not going to take teachers away from schools. We want to keep our class size at a reasonable size, maintain small class size and honor cohorts. We have federal funding that helps with that as well. Q: 5% Sunshine Coast online is a different program. Students from all over the Coast.

Reverse the trend of Backseat Generation

October 29, 2020 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Link in chat function.

Register for the webinar: <https://tinyurl.com/activetravelforkids>

Presentation and Q&A with international experts Mariana Brussoni and Guy Faulkner on the current research on the importance of active travel and active play to child mental and physical health and development.

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Zoom Weekly Meeting

Parenting Through Difficult Times -How to Thrive rather than just survive

Sarah Joseph, Certified Positive Discipline Trainer and Family Therapist

Elementary: Mondays 8:00 p.m. Starting September 21, 2020

Secondary: Wednesdays 8:00 p.m. Starting September 23, 2020

Register with school district and zoom invite will be sent to you

Meeting adjourned 8:36 p.m.

Next Meeting

November 26, 2020 7:00 p.m. Zoom